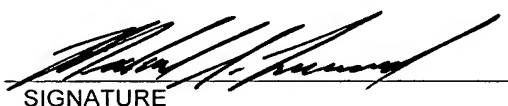


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 114208-040
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/010945		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/525445
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE August 28, 2003		PRIORITY DATE September 6, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION INTEGRALLY MOLDED SURFACE FASTENER, AND CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION METHOD AND CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION DEVICE THEREFOR		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Tsuyoshi MINATO, Eiji GONDA, and Mitsuru AKENO		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Application as published (WO 2004/021824 A1) including search report; Return receipt postcard. 		

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